

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending and are indicated to be allowable. The specification is amended herein.

The specification is objected to based on alleged typographical errors. In particular, at several instances, a single letter of a word has been dropped out of the word in the scanned copy of the application that can be found in the Image File Wrapper on the Patent Office website. Although it is believed that these errors were not in the application as originally filed, the above amendments correct the errors noticed upon review of the application in the Image File Wrapper. Thus, the objection should be withdrawn.

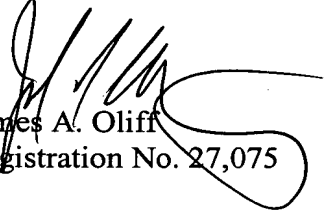
The specification is also objected to for failing to provide antecedent basis for the subject matter of several claims. The specification has been amended at page 16 to include this subject matter. Therefore, this objection should also be withdrawn.

In addition to the changes noted above, several other changes are made to the specification in an effort to further clarify the specification.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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